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Mr. Cyrus Eaton, the Cleveland industrialist who thinks that the United States is under a worse Gestapo system than Adolph Hitler ever had in Nazi Germany, is back home in Ohio tonight after staying over here in Washington last night for the interesting purpose of being a dinner guest of Soviet Russian Ambassador and Mrs. Menshikov at the Communist Russian Embassy here, his picture, along with the Ambassador and Mrs. Eaton being sported this afternoon on the front page of the Washington Evening Star. This was a small chummy affair, not a formal state dinner, and was described officially as being impromptu.

He told reporters this morning, on the way to the National Airport, that he still retains his right of free speech and free expression of opinion, which is very fine and also very interesting because I wonder if Mr. Cyrus Eaton would be able to retain and exercise those rights in Soviet Russia of which he is such an ardent champion. In view of the fact that other people in these United States also share those same rights with Mr. Cyrus Eaton, I think it might be interesting to know what the great crosssection of Mr. and Mrs. Average America thinks about breaking bread with the representative of the dictatorship that was responsible for the tens of thousands of American lives that were shed in Korea and the additional lives that were shed by innocent victims of Mr. Menshikov's tanks and soldiers in the Hungarian freedom revolt.

For my part I wouldn't breathe the same air with Mr. Menshikov or any other representative of the Soviet Union, as a basic principle of instinctive honor and decency, let alone dine with him socially. I have qualms about associating with mass murderers and tyrants or with their personal ambassadors or representatives. I have qualms about talking with liars and people who betray their word and who exploit their fellowmen while they themselves live in the lap of luxury. Mr. Cyrus Eaton is entitled to disagree with these ideas of mine. Perhaps I'm old fashioned. That's part of

his heritage of American freedom, but I doubt if the overwhelming majority of the American people agree with him, however many tens of millions of dollars he has amassed in this country which he thinks is so ridden and oppressed by secret police and Gestapo organizations. Representative Francis Walter, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee in a speech at Easton, Pennsylvania, last night described Mr. Eaton as a "brain-washed non-Communist who has served to advance the cause of Communism in the world." He said that in the now-famous meeting behind closed doors in Washington, Wednesday, Mr. Eaton even then had the audacity to boast of a letter from Khrushchev congratulating him on his recent statements of attack against the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other government agencies.